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Mr. A. HIGGINS, the honorary foreign secretary, read a letter from M. Broca, the Secretary-General of the Anthropological Society of Paris, expressing his gratification at the translation of his work on Hybridity by the Anthropological Society of London, and at the able manner in which it had been edited by Mr. C. Carter Blake. Mr. Higgins also read the following communications from foreign corresponding members of the Society :

" Paris, April 7th, 1864.

"MR. PRESIDENT,—I beg to express to the Society which you direct with so much zeal and talent, my warm appreciation of the great honour which it has done me in publishing an English translation of my *Researches on Hybridity in the Human Species*. I know better than anyone how imperfect this little work is, and how incomplete as yet are the materials relating to this important question. In collecting those materials and making them the subject of some articles in the *Journal de Physiologie*, my object was rather to incite to further research than to produce a didactic treatise; and your Council has shewn extreme indulgence towards me in selecting this modest attempt to present to the English reader under the distinguished patronage of the Anthropological Society of London.

" But I specially desire to acknowledge the favour which your able Secretary, Mr. Carter Blake, has done me in consenting to devote to this translation his time, so precious for science, and his talents as a writer. Nothing could be more flattering to me than thus to see my name associated with his in a work which has, in passing under his accurate and elegant pen, acquired real literary merit.

" The copies of the translation which you have placed at my disposal, I intend distributing among the principal libraries in Paris.

After acknowledging the receipt of the Society's recent publications :

" The Society has commissioned me to thank you in its name for the receipt of these numerous and important publications, which give eloquent witness of the activity and prosperity of our sister society in London, and of the efficient manner in which you direct it. The reports of your meetings become fuller and more important every day; and when we compare all you have done during your first year of existence with the little we had accomplished at the end of our first year, far from experiencing a feeling of jealousy, we rejoice to see the destinies of your Society confided to valiant hands. The paternal relation existing between the two societies prevents emulation, but not rivalry, and we are as glad of your success as we could be of our

own; well assured besides, that, as you have constantly shewn, this feeling is reciprocal.

"Allow me, Mr. President, to embrace this opportunity of offering you the expression of my personal sentiments of respect and high consideration.

(Signed)

"P. BROCA, *Secretary-General.*"

*Vienna Imperial Academy of Sciences.—Meeting, March 17th, 1864.*

Communicated by COUNT MARSHALL VON BURGHOLZHAUSEN,  
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"Dr. Aquinas Reid, general practitioner of Valparaiso, has recently transmitted to Dr. Scherzer, who presented them to the Novara Museum, a series of ethnographical objects. Among them is a complete and uncommonly well-preserved mummy from Atacama, whose head, flattened back by artificial pressure, is covered with a peruke-like cap of net-work, made from an animal's hair, into which are artificially fixed long black hairs, identical in their distinctive characters with those of the actual American race. With this mummy, human crania, pottery, tools, and textile work have been found. Dr. Reid transmitted also a box with a wool-like vegetable substance (the leaflets at the basis of the frond of several species of ferns), used in South America—as they are also in Asia and in the Indian Archipelago, for stopping hæmorrhagia. These substances contain a large proportion of tannine, to whose styptic property they probably owe a great deal of their curative virtue. Dr. Seligmann has visited during past summer, the collection of human crania of Central South Germany and Switzerland, with the special purpose to ascertain the relations extant between the longitudinal Peruvian crania (Aymara or Titicacan race) and the similarly conformed crania found in Austria, Germany, France, and Switzerland, and generally known as Avarian. After having examined every one of the six Titicacan crania preserved in the collections visited by him, besides more than 1,000 of other races, Dr. Seligmann stated that an abnormality is peculiar to this race not to be found either in the so-called Avarian crania, nor in those of any other human race or tribe. It is the existence of exostoses, thickly besetting the right or left, or both sides, the anterior or the posterior, or both portions of the meatus auditorius externus, so as to diminish, transform, and even nearly obliterate its lumen. These exostoses have an osseous hardness, a broad basis, and a size from a grain of hemp-seed to a pea. Of the six crania submitted to examination, only one wanted these exostoses, larger than are generally those caused by morbid affection of the organs of hearing.

"The flattened crania of the Atacama and the other North and South American tribes all show (an already known) peculiarity in the shape of the porus externus, it being frequently slit-like, and its direction oblique from above and before to below and behind; but not one of them offers any trace of the exostoses characteristic of the Titicacan race. Dr. Seligmann is preparing a complete monograph of these and of the so-called Avarian crania."